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### **WWII Documentary to show at Waccamaw Library**

*Filmmaker explores U-Boat Menace off our shore*

The Waccamaw Library will present a documentary and lecture by noted historian Kevin Duffus on Friday, November 13, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. The free event will take place in the library's DeBordieu Auditorium.

**War Zone—WWII Off the Carolina Coast** is the story of the time the enemy entered America's front door unhindered, when the United States suffered but overcame the German U-boat menace, inflicting one of the nation's worst defeats of the World War II. For seven months, towering columns of black smoke and orange flames from torpedoed merchant vessels filled the skies from New England to New Orleans. Explosions rattled window panes and the nerves of startled coastal residents. Ocean waters and beaches were awash with wreckage, oil, empty lifeboats, and bodies.

**Duffus** presents a gripping panorama of the shameful betrayal of merchant sailors, of young Coast Guard recruits watching helplessly as sailors plunged into pools of burning oil, and of the baby born in a lifeboat called the Son of Neptune. Learn about the men and women who defended America in little boats and in small planes; the truth behind the famous phrase "Sighted sub, sank same;" and the children who spied on German spies. Discover the real story behind the legends of secret agents, midget-submarine landings, and saboteurs roaming the shore. Hear the spellbinding story of the sinking of a U-boat and how its German sailors were delivered to Charleston.

Registration is not required, but you are encouraged to email to help gauge attendance: [sbremner@gtcounty.org](mailto:sbremner@gtcounty.org).

